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IMPORTANT!

Police Certificate requirements: Each visa applicant aged 16 (sixteen) years old or over, is required to submit police certificate(s). The term "police certificate" as used in this paragraph means a certification by the police authorities stating what their records show concerning each applicant (including all arrests, the reasons for the arrests, and the disposition of each case, if applicable). The police certificate(s) must be from the **police authorities of each locality of the country of the applicant's nationality and current residence where the applicant has resided for at least 6 (six) months since attaining the age of 16 (sixteen).** Police certificates must cover the entire period of the applicant's residence in any area. A certificate issued by the police authorities where you actually reside, must have been issued within the past 12 (twelve) months when presented to the consular officer.

In Brazil, police certificates are issued only for applicants over the age of 18 (eighteen).

Each applicant, 18 years old or more should present two Police Certificates: one from the State police - "Secretaria de Segurança Pública" and another one from the Federal Police – "Polícia Federal".

- **"SECRETARIA DE SEGURANÇA PÚBLICA, Polícia Técnico Científica"**- It is required that the applicant obtain a certificate from the SECRETARIA DE SEGURANÇA PÚBLICA, Polícia Técnico Científica – Civil Police, from each state in Brazil where the applicant has resided for 6 (six) months or longer for the last 5 (five) years. If you have resided in more than one state in Brazil, during this period, you will need one for each state. The certificates issued by "Cartório" or "Fórum" are NOT, repeat, NOT acceptable, in any circumstances.
- **"POLÍCIA FEDERAL"** – It is required that the applicant obtain a certificate from the Federal Police ("Polícia Federal"). This certificate is valid for all Brazilian territory. You should go to the **"Departamento de Polícia Federal, Delopis – Delegacia de Ordem Social e Política"** with our request and fill out their application for the certificate.

Police certificates are also required from any other country (excluding the U.S.) that the applicant has lived in for more than 1 (one) year since the age of 16 (sixteen). Police certificates from certain countries are considered unobtainable, but you must get confirmation of that from this office. If you have any questions regarding police certificates, please consult this office. **Police certificates are valid for 1(one) year.**

A police certificate from the U.S. is not required as we conduct an FBI check in our offices.

Police certificates are also required from any place in any country (including in the U.S.) where the applicant has been arrested for any reason – regardless of how long he/she remained in that locale.

If you have had any previous problems with the US Immigration and Naturalization Service, you should get the report from the corresponding office and present on the day of the interview.

Window service for general information concerning immigrant visa processing is available by appointment only

The Immigrant Visa Unit can also be contacted by phone from Monday through Friday from 1:30p.m. to 3:30p.m. at (21) 3823-2021.

Fax inquiries may be sent at any time to (21) 3823-2083.

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More information can also be found on our web sites: www.embaixadaamericana.org.br and www.state.gov .

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